

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A snap ring for shafts or bores fixable in axial position by snapping into a circumferential groove, the snap ring comprising:

a substantially annular clip having two limbs portions, each limb portion having ~~an end section~~ two end sections, wherein for each portion of the annular clip, the radial cross-section decreases from one end section to the other end section;

a centering member radially separated from the clip; and

at least one web joining the centering member to the clip, the at least one web being situated near ~~the end section~~ one of the end sections of one of the two limbs portions of the annular clip.

11. (Previously Presented) The snap ring of claim 10, wherein the centering member is configured as a centering ring having a center bore, the centering ring being positioned approximately concentrically with respect to the circumferential groove when the snap ring is installed in the circumferential groove.

12. (Previously Presented) The snap ring of claim 10, wherein the clip encircles the centering member,
and the snap ring is configured as an internal ring for a radially inwardly open circumferential groove.

13. (Currently Amended) The snap ring of claim 10, wherein one of the end sections of each of the limbs the portions of the clip ~~are~~ is formed as ~~lugs~~ a lug.

14. (Previously Presented) The snap ring of claim 13, wherein the lugs have flat surfaces mutually opposing one another, the flat surfaces being used as mutual stop faces.

15. (Previously Presented) The snap ring of claim 14, wherein the flat surfaces of the lugs are aligned radially with respect to a midpoint of the snap ring.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of axially fixing a sealing ring in position, the sealing ring including at least one sealing lip which is provided for making contact on a shaft, the method comprising:

snapping a snap ring into a circumferential groove, the snap ring including:

a substantially annular clip having two ~~limbs~~ portions, each ~~limb~~ portion having ~~an end section~~ two end sections, wherein for each portion of the annular clip, the radial cross-section decreases from one end section to the other end section;

a centering member radially separated from the clip; and

at least one web joining the centering member to the clip, the at least one web being situated near ~~the end~~ one of the end sections of one of the two ~~limbs~~ portions of the annular clip; and

positioning the sealing ring in a position axially adjacent to the snap ring.
